

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A separate type medical material, ~~characterized in that it~~ which comprises liquid (A) which is an aqueous solution containing a hyaluronic acid component which is hyaluronic acid or a hyaluronic acid ester derivative, and which component is buffered to a pH of from 4.5 to 6.5, and liquid (B) which is an aqueous solution having such a buffering power that when it is mixed with the liquid (A), the mixed liquid has a pH within a range of from 6.8 to 7.8, and the liquid (A) and the liquid (B) are kept separately from each other before administration and administered as mixed.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to Claim 1, wherein the hyaluronic acid ~~ester-derivative~~ component in the liquid (A) is self-crosslinking hyaluronic acid.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to Claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, wherein ~~the aqueous solution containing a hyaluronic acid ester-derivative~~ as the liquid (A) has a concentration of the hyaluronic acid ~~ester-derivative~~ component of from 1 to 20 mass%.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to Claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the liquid (B) ~~which is an aqueous solution having such a buffering power that when it is mixed with the liquid (A), the mixed liquid has a pH within a range of from 6.8 to 7.8;~~ is an aqueous solution having hyaluronic acid dissolved therein.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The separate type medial material according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, which further contains a medicine or a pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to Claim 5, wherein the medicine or the pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant is dissolved or dispersed in the liquid (A) ~~which is an aqueous solution containing a hyaluronic acid ester derivative and buffered to a pH of from 4.5 to 6.5.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to Claim 5 or 6, wherein the medicine or the pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant is dissolved or dispersed in the inside of the hyaluronic acid ~~component ester derivative in the liquid (A).~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to ~~any one of Claims 5 to 7~~ Claim 5 or 6, wherein the medicine or the pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant is dissolved or dispersed in the liquid (B) ~~which is an aqueous solution having such a buffering power that when it is mixed with the liquid (A), the mixed liquid has a pH within a range of from 6.8 to 7.8.~~

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to ~~any one of Claims 5 to 8~~ Claim 5 or 6, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable lubricant is present and is a phospholipid.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The separate type medical material according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~ Claim 1, ~~which is a medical material for joint injection comprising~~ wherein the liquid (A) and the liquid (B) are packed in a syringe separately from each other.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of administering a medical material for arthropathy, which comprises mixing liquid (A) and liquid (B) constituting the separate type medical material as defined in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~ Claim 1 immediately before administration, and injecting the resulting mixed liquid to the joint of a patient ~~for administration~~ in need thereof.